

CUT IN ESTIMATES CAUSES COMMENT

House Appropriation Bill Does Not Meet With Much Favor.

LESS THAN PRESENT YEAR

Believed That Congress Owe the District Money Under the 1878 Compact—Hoped That When Measure Reaches Senate Crudeless Will Be Removed.

The report of the House Committee on Appropriations on the District bill has been the chief topic of discussion by the heads of departments and the employees of the municipality since Saturday. The Commissioners are reticent, for obvious reasons, but it is well known that they share in the general feeling of disappointment over the report. The fact that the amount recommended to be appropriated is \$2,697,883 short of the estimates of the Commissioners, and that in a certain contingency the amount recommended is to be treated to a horizontal cut of 10 per cent is sufficient indication of the feeling of discouragement which pervades the municipal government at this time.

The aggregate of appropriations recommended in the report is \$628,692.97 short of the amount appropriated for the present fiscal year. This shows that if the bill passes as recommended there will be an actual going backward during the next fiscal year, instead of an advance for the Capital City. This does not sit well on the men who give their time and labor to the conduct of municipal affairs.

The House committee explains that it has no authority under the rules of the House to recommend legislation increasing the taxes of the District, or to authorize further advances from the United States Treasury than those provided for in the act of February 11, 1891, and it is further explained that the District finances being already in a strained condition, the committee declines to recommend that to keep the appropriations down to the figures named.

Only Half of Truth Told. Employees of the District thoroughly conversant with the situation say that the committee has told only half the truth in this statement. They say that there is no recognition of the fact that Congress has in the past authorized the diversion of the revenues of the District to street extensions and to other expenses, in violation of the compact of 1878, which alone is responsible for the deficit. The extension of Sixteenth Street was mentioned as an illustration. In the several acts authorizing the opening and extension of that thoroughfare the net cost, amounting to \$21,117.54, is required to be paid wholly from the revenues of the District. It happens in the course of events that this sum must be paid by the District within the next six months, which aggravates the existing financial conditions. Those who take this view of the matter say that the committee is silent upon the real cause and has brought to the front and emphasized the result, recommending that the District shall be made to suffer for the shortcoming of Congress itself.

Local Expenditures. A statement was prepared a few months ago from the books in the Auditor's Office showing that since 1890 the sum of \$4,263,116.16 has been charged solely to the account of the District on the increase of the water supply, the purchase of the Zoo Park, street extension, and a few miscellaneous items. In the payment of this sum within the last eleven years Congress has had no share, openly violating the agreement entered into in 1878 to share one-half of the expenses of the District, without reservation. In other words, those who support the view that the committee has suppressed the true facts of the situation, hold that the United States literally owes the District of Columbia at this time \$2,115,288, which it ought to pay, and this sum is exclusive of the sums paid during the present fiscal year for street extensions and the \$21,000 to be paid immediately for the extension of Sixteenth Street. It is stated that if this sum, or any part of it, had been inadvvertently advanced to the District, the House Committee would have been quick enough to have recalled it, and the fact and to have included it in their report. Moreover, the District would have it to pay.

Not Enough for Needs. The amount called for in the estimates of the Commissioners for the next fiscal year, aggregating \$10,435,861.97, is recognized by the heads of the municipal departments as representing the actual needs of the District for the next year, to maintain the government and to provide for reasonable advance in public improvement. In presenting their estimates to the Secretary of the Treasury the Commissioners said that they had followed the policy of making up the estimates by asking what was really necessary, regardless of the possible deficit due to the diversion of District funds by Congress to street extension purposes. The growth of the city, they said, means an increase in its needs. All its services, they maintained, require larger appropriations from year to year. They stated that the general expenses of the District could be met by the revenues, but that the cost of extraordinary projects of improvement, here as elsewhere, cannot be met out of the revenues of a single year. The Commissioners said that the cost of such expenditures ought to be distributed through as many years as necessary to minimize and equalize the expense.

Some of the employees of the District take the ground that Congress has no warrant in saddling the cost of the filtration plant upon the District of Columbia. They say that the United States Government started out to build the water supply system to the point where it was to be delivered to the municipality for distribution. As a result the Government owns, maintains, and operates the water system from Great Falls to the distributing reservoir. The Federal Government owns and controls the Hoyle tunnel and the Howard University reservoir, though Congress put a portion of the cost of building the tunnel and reservoir upon the District.

The Filtration Plant. It is maintained by those who hold to the view here stated that the United States Government should have borne the entire expense of these extensions of the service, and that it should build and pay for the filtration plant. After that plant is finished it will belong to the United States, and it is recognized in the report of the House committee as United States property, in that the Secretary of War was authorized to go about its construction. They maintain that it is part and parcel of the supply system, with which the municipality has nothing to do. It is maintained that one of the alternatives of the committee was to have recon-

Little Change in Strike Situation

Strikers, Masters, and Bosses Decline to Give In.

Carpenters to Have a Conference Today That May Result Satisfactorily.

The strikers of four trades are still as reluctant as the masters and bosses to give up in their demands. The plumbers' strike stands about the same as it did a week or ten days ago. The carriage makers still declare they will win, and the workers on leather goods are still demanding what they claim to be their rights. The carpenters' strike is perhaps the nearest to an amicable adjustment. A committee from the Central Labor Union and the Building Trades Section will meet in conference this afternoon the bosses who have not yet acceded to the committee's requests. A prominent builder of the city was seen yesterday in regard to the carpenters' troubles and he stated that the fight was not with the carpenters as individuals, but a fight between the American Federation of Labor and the Knights of Labor. He stated that the trouble has been brewing for several years. For some reason the two labor organizations have never been on friendly terms. The feud is said to have grown to such a large extent now that the members of the two organizations refuse to work in the same shop or at the same building or job. "While it would be far better for the men who are at the head of these organizations to give their time and thought to the subject of bettering their respective unions, the two are continually fighting each other," continued the speaker. Hopes of the Carpenters. At the conference which is to be held this afternoon it is hoped by the committee that the builders will say that they will hire only C. L. U. carpenters. If this is done the bosses will have to let go about 150 K. of L. men. The Brotherhood men say they will continue to fight until their demands are acceded to. Since the George A. Fuller Company acceded there are only about fifty carpenters who are still unemployed. In speaking of the plumbers' strike, Mr. William M. Merrick, president of the Journeymen Plumbers and Steam Fitters' International Union, said that there was little likelihood of the local strikers losing their fight. He stated that he had come from the international headquarters in Chicago, and was sure everything there was all right. The master plumbers stated yesterday

afternoon that there was practically no change in the situation, and expressed confidence that they would win the fight. In reference to inserting advertisements in out-of-town newspapers for help, a member of the press committee said that they had advertised in outside papers and had received a great many applications for work; that the work was to be done at the old rate and that each man was to have a helper. Plans of Boss Plumbers. The master plumbers issued a circular letter last week, stating that they had notified their attorney to institute injunction proceedings against any man or body of men interfering with the conduct of their business, or coercing non-union men into quitting their employ. "The law is very strict on the point of conspiracy," says the letter, "and we propose to take the full advantage of it." The Master Plumbers' Association still presents a solid front in the stand it has taken. The journeymen carriage and wagon makers are not disposed at present to meet their employers in a conference, as they say that they do not intend to give in a single iota, and therefore a conference would be of little good to either side. The carriage makers have all been receiving letters within the past two or three weeks, offering them positions in other cities, and it is not improbable that if the strike is not very shortly over there will be no one to maintain it. Already three journeymen have accepted positions and have left for other cities. One of the largest leather firms in the city, one against whom the Leather Workers' Union had waged a war, acceded to the demand of the strikers.

ARRESTED ON SERIOUS CHARGE.

William Smith, Colored, Said to Have Stabbed Arthur Tabbs.

After having eluded the police for eight hours William Smith, colored, twenty-three years old, was arrested yesterday on a charge of assault with attempt to kill, by Policeman Johnson, of the Ninth precinct. Smith was locked up to await the result of his alleged victim's condition. Arthur Tabbs, colored, is said to have been stabbed in the back by Smith during an altercation which occurred about 1 o'clock yesterday morning on E and F Streets northward. He was taken to the Casualty Hospital for treatment, and was considered to be in a serious condition. He was better last night. After the cutting Smith disappeared, and the police scoured the northeast section of the city for him all night without results until 8 o'clock yesterday morning, when he went in the direction of home and was captured by Johnson.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Fair Monday; Tuesday increasing cloudiness, probably showers; light variable winds.

TEMPERATURE. Highest temperature, 4 p. m. 75. Lowest temperature, 3 a. m. 59.

THE SUN AND MOON. Sun rises 5:08 A.M. Sun sets 6:44 P.M. Moon rises 11:51 P.M.

TIDE TABLE. High tide 5:32 A.M. and 6:17 P.M. Low tide 11:35 A.M. and 11:59 P.M.

STREET LIGHTING. Lamps lit today 7:28 P.M. Lamps out tomorrow 4:14 A.M.

AMUSEMENTS. National—"Under Two Flags," with Blanche Bates as Cigarette, evening. Lafayette—"Lady Utrana," evening. Academy—"Human Hearts," evening. Chase's—Police vaudeville, afternoon and evening. Columbia—Harry Corson Clarke, with "What Happened to Jones," evening. Kerna—"The World Beaters," afternoon and evening. Empire—Harry Ward's minstrels, afternoon and evening.

TEMPERATURES IN OTHER CITIES. Rain. Max. Min. 8 p.m. fail.

Atlantic City	64	54	60
Atlanta, Ga.	78	56	74
Bismarck, N. D.	74	42	68
Boston, Mass.	62	50	50
Buffalo, N. Y.	52	38	44
Chicago	64	40	60
Cincinnati	68	46	64
Cheyenne, Wyo.	64	34	58
Denver, Iowa	66	42	62
Denver, Colo.	74	34	66
Des Moines, Iowa	74	40	68
Galveston, Tex.	76	72	74
Helena, Mont.	64	38	46
Indianapolis, Ind.	64	40	62
Jacksonville, Fla.	82	66	82
Kansas City, Mo.	70	48	64
Little Rock, Ark.	78	56	74
Marquette, Mich.	68	38	64
Memphis, Tenn.	74	52	72
New Orleans, La.	84	68	84
New York, N. Y.	64	54	56
North Platte, Neb.	76	46	70
Omaha, Neb.	72	46	66
Pittsburg, Pa.	62	44	58
Salt Lake City, Utah	64	48	54
St. Louis, Mo.	72	48	68
St. Paul, Minn.	68	40	66
Springfield, Ill.	68	42	64
Victoria, B. C.	74	60	70
Washington, D. C.	66	43	60

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CHARGED WITH LARCENY.

Harry Burke Locked Up at No. 6 Police Station.

Harry Burke, who is also known as George Simons, and who has gained notoriety in various parts of the country by allowing himself to be buried alive and then resurrected, is now, figuratively speaking, buried in a cell at No. 6 Police Station. He is charged with the larceny of \$30.

John Baden, of Oxen Hill, Prince George County, Md., came to Washington Saturday. That night he occupied a room at a Pennsylvania Avenue hotel with Burke. Yesterday morning he missed from his pocket \$30. Burke was also gone. Later he was captured at the Baltimore and Ohio depot as he was about to take a train to leave the city. Thirty dollars, it is alleged, were found tucked away in a mysterious little pocket of Burke's trousers. He will probably be given a hearing in the Police Court today.

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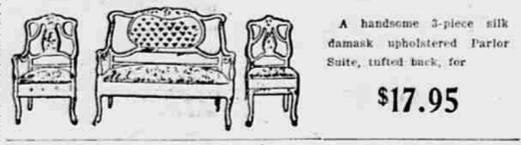
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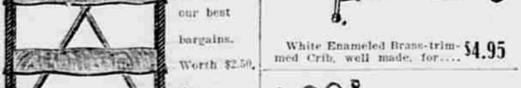
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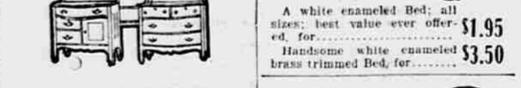
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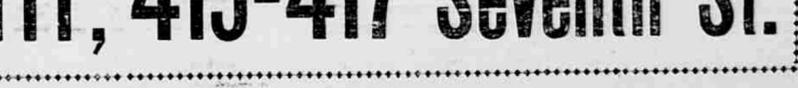
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